

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

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Mrs. Oliphant's new novel, "The Curate in Charge," will be published by Harper & Brothers.

A volume on "Dickens's London"—the great city as referred to in his works—is announced in England.

St. George Mivart's new volume will be "Lessons from Nature as Manifested in Mind and Matter."

"A Christmas Novel," by Miss Yonge, is promised by Macmillan & Co., under the title of "My Young Allies."

A new English idea is a series of "penny novels" for poor children. They are 13x11 inches, and very colored.

The Rev. Wm. R. Alger's authorized "Life of Edwin Forrest" is promised for speedy publication by J. B. Lippincott & Co.

A London publisher has announced a "Polyglot Pilgrim"—the "Pilgrim's Progress" in French, German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and English.

Mr. Murray will issue this season a selection from the late Mr. Gruber's posthumous papers, edited by Prof. Bain, under the title of "Fragments on Ethical Subjects."

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